



CORNERSTONE

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2015 Syrah
Ram's Horn Vineyard, Hopland
Mendocino

2015 Vintage

The 2015 vintage in Mendocino, started earlier than previous years and finished slightly sooner than usual. The four years of California drought continues to have an effect on this dry-farmed vineyard. Overall the yields were lower than we expected due to small clusters and tiny berries, but we are excited about the quality, bringing vibrant acidity and bright aromatics.

The Vineyard

The Ram's Horn Vineyard is meticulously farmed (dry-farmed and organic) by a multi-generational family with deep roots in Mendocino, and a commitment to quality farming. The vineyard sits high above the tiny town of Hopland, on rocky terrain, and is home to an abundance of rattlesnakes. This block sits well above the fog line on most mornings, which gives us long sunny days, cool nights and extended hang-time.

2015 Tasting Notes

French by heritage, California in spirit. These head trained Syrah grapes were lovingly grown high on a steep hillside at 1,800 feet, overlooking the little town of Hopland in Mendocino. Small berries on petite clusters struggle on this dry farmed ranch, which gives this wine a dark and concentrated color. The aromas are a complex combination of ripe black berries, boysenberry and earthy sage. You'll also likely find typical Syrah notes of smoked bacon, tar and black pepper. Lush and fleshy on the palate, this wine is ripe from long sun-drenched days. More new world in style than old world, but there is plenty of backbone that Syrah is known for. The finish lingers with a melody of mocha, licorice and a hint of allspice wrapped up in silky integrated tannins.

2015 Winemaking Notes

Vintage: 2015
Appellation: 100% Mendocino
Vineyard: 100% Ram's Horn Vineyard
Varietals: 100% Syrah
Alcohol: 14.8%
Cooperage: 50% New French oak Barrels, 50% neutral oak
Production: 400 Cases
Retail: \$50

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